

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COURT BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has sanctioned funds for construction of buildings or other development works for various High Courts in India; and

(b) if so, the details of the work taken up in Kerala High Court giving full details of the present status?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Department of Justice funds development of physical infrastructures for the judiciary including construction of court buildings. The fund is provided to various States as per the 5 Planning Commission's formula. It is the State's responsibility to utilize the funds for physical construction under various projects. The State of Kerala has been provided a sum of Rs. 20.95 crores during the period between 1993-94 and 2003-04 under this scheme. As reported by the State Government, this money has been spent in judicial sector including construction of Kerala High Court. Besides, in the year 1999-2000 an additional central assistance to the tune of Rs. 10 crore was provided to augment the construction of Kerala High Court. As of now, as reported by the State Government, some residual work such as floor polishing, internal partitions, fire escape, sanitation, water supply, landscaping, computer network, commissioning of passenger lifts, generators, air conditioning etc. remains to be completed.